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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

National Commission on the Future of the Army; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD), Deputy Chief Management Officer.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce two days of meetings of the National Commission on the Future of the Army (“the Commission”). The meetings will be partially closed to the public.

DATES: Date of the Closed Meeting: Monday, August 17, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Date of the Open Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Address of Closed Meeting, August 17, 2015: Rm 12110, 5th Floor, Zachary Taylor Building, 2530 Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA 22202.

Address of Open Meeting, August 18, 2015: Polk Conference Room, Room 12158, James Polk Building, 2521 S. Clark St., Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Don Tison, Designated Federal Officer, National Commission on the Future of the Army, 700 Army Pentagon, Room 3E406,

Washington, DC 20310-0700, Email: dfo.public@ncfa.ncr.gov. Desk (703) 692-9099. Facsimile (703) 697-8242.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This meeting will be held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150.

Purpose of Meetings:

During the closed meeting on Monday, August 17, 2015, the Commission will hear classified testimony from individual witnesses, members from two subcommittees and engage in discussion on the roles the Army fills in Combatant Commands, Current and Future operational environment and threats to the land forces in the Area of Responsibility.

During the open meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2015, the Commission will hear comments from a panel of representatives from the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Joint Staff, representatives from the RAND Corporation, the Public will have the opportunity to provide verbal comments, and immediately afterwards the Commission will discuss topics raised during the organizational and public comment session.

Agendas:

August 17, 2015—Closed Hearing: The Commission will hear comments from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Combatant Commanders and representatives from the Operational and the Aviation Sub Committees. The Combatant Commanders have been asked to address: The current and future operational environment and threats for land forces in Area of Responsibility, Roles that Army forces fulfill in COCOM including Executive Agency missions, Army forces

contribution to Theater Security Cooperation including State Partnership for Peace activities, Current and Future operational and strategic network threats and Multi Composition Integration.

Speakers include, but are not limited to; Deputy Secretary of Defense, representatives from U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. Southern Command, and U.S. Cyber Command. All presentations and resulting discussion are classified.

August 18, 2015- Open Hearing: The Commission will hear verbal comments from representatives from the United States Navy, United States Air Force, United States Marine Corps, and the Joint Staff on Department interdependence. The RAND corporation will present an analysis of Risk as it relates to the size of the Army. Time will be allocated for public comment and immediately afterwards the Commission will discuss topics raised during the Organizational and public comments session.

Meeting Accessibility:

In accordance with applicable law, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), and 41 CFR 102–3.155, the DoD has determined that the portion of the meeting scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. will be closed to the public. Specifically, the Assistant Deputy Chief Management Officer, with the coordination of the DoD FACA Attorney, has determined in writing that this portion of the meeting will be closed to the public because it will discuss matters covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165 and the availability of space, the meeting scheduled for August 18, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the James Polk Building is open to the public. Seating is limited and pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Media representatives are also encouraged to register. Members of the media must comply with the

rules of photography and video filming in the James Polk Building. The closest public parking facility is located in the basement and along the streets. Visitors will be required to present one form of photograph identification. Visitors to the James Polk Office Building will be screened by a magnetometer, and all items that are permitted inside the building will be screened by an x-ray device. Visitors should keep their belongings with them at all times. The following items are strictly prohibited in the James Polk Office Building: any pointed object, e.g., knitting needles and letter openers (pens and pencils are permitted); any bag larger than 18" wide x 14" high x 8.5" deep; electric stun guns, martial arts weapons or devices; guns, replica guns, ammunition and fireworks; knives of any size; mace and pepper spray; razors and box cutters.

Written Comments:

Pursuant to section 10(a)(3) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments to the Commission in response to the stated agenda of the open and/or closed meeting or the Commission's mission. The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) will review all submitted written statements. Written comments should be submitted to Mr. Donald Tison, DFO, via facsimile or electronic mail, the preferred modes of submission. Each page of the comment must include the author's name, title or affiliation, address, and daytime phone number. All comments received before Friday, August 14, 2015, will be provided to the Commission before the August 18, 2015, meeting. Comments received after Friday, August 14, 2015, will be provided to the Commission before its next meeting. All contact information may be found in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

Oral Comments:

In addition to written statements, twenty minutes will be reserved for individuals or interest groups to address the Commission on August 18, 2015. Those interested in presenting oral

comments to the Commission must summarize their oral statement in writing and submit with their registration. The Commission's staff will assign time to oral commenters at the meeting; no more than five minutes each for individuals. While requests to make an oral presentation to the Commission will be honored on a first come, first served basis, other opportunities for oral comments will be provided at future meetings.

Registration:

Individuals and entities who wish to attend the public hearing and meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 are encouraged to register for the event with the DFO using the electronic mail and facsimile contact information found in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section. The communication should include the registrant's full name, title, affiliation or employer, email address, day time phone number. This information will assist the Commission in contacting individuals should it decide to do so at a later date. If applicable, include written comments and a request to speak during the oral comment session. (Oral comment requests must be accompanied by a summary of your presentation.) Registrations and written comments should be typed.

Additional Information:

The DoD sponsor for the Commission is the Deputy Chief Management Officer. The Commission is tasked to submit a report, containing a comprehensive study and recommendations, by February 1, 2016 to the President of the United States and the Congressional defense committees. The report will contain a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions of the Commission, together with its recommendations for such legislation and administrative actions it may consider appropriate in light of the results of the study. The comprehensive study of the structure of the Army will determine whether, and how, the structure

should be modified to best fulfill current and anticipated mission requirements for the Army in a manner consistent with available resources.

Dated: July 23, 2015.

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